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Mr. Jon Adler  
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Bureau of Justice Assistance  
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Mr. Adler:

I am writing to express my support for the Rowan Regional Crime Intelligence Center Grant Proposal to the United States Department of Justice's Strategies for Policing Innovation Program. It is my understanding that if awarded this funding request, it will be used to assist the cities of Salisbury, East Spencer, and Spencer in their effort to address rising numbers of violent crimes.

I have been told that the cities have experienced a precipitous increase of homicides and aggravated assaults in the last two years. The increase of these violent incidents has significant negative impacts to the health of growing communities and small-town policing. City Police officials have told me that a recent Violent Crime Review conducted by the University of North Carolina-Greensboro in conjunction with the Middle District United States Attorney's Office revealed a network of victims and offenders that intertwine their jurisdictions. They have informed me that the agencies have sought to improve their information sharing and coordination to address violent crime and make efforts to interrupt these patterns within the communities. Their proposed Rowan Regional Crime Intelligence Center will significantly support the regional efforts to combine public safety resources, leverage data-driven policing strategies and collaborate with our community.

Thank you for giving the Rowan Regional Crime Intelligence Center Grant Proposal your fair and prompt consideration. I look forward to hearing back from you regarding the results of the competition.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress